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1. Four jet fighters were standing on the southern edge of Brandis (N 52/3 31) airfield on 7 July 1950. The planes were about 6 meters long, their rudder assembly was set far to the rear and they were fitted with a nose wheel. There was no flying. No special security measures were observed except for the guards at the main gate and near the planes. (1) The hangars were closed. Three trucks observed at the field had the numbers C 4-61-14, C 5-72-24, C 5-73-95. (2)
2. Eighteen jet fighters were standing at the eastern end of the runway at Brandis airfield on 22 July 1950. (2) The jet fighters had swept-back wings, and were marked with a blue stripe at the upper edge of the rudder assembly, and had red two-digit numbers on both sides of the nose. (3) Numbers 19, 21, 26, 35 and 36 were seen. Another plane which had the number 31 took off at 9:30 a.m. Perpendicular devices, resembling ribbons a few centimeters wide, were attached to the ends of the elevator assembly. (4) The undivided air exhaust at the rear was 40 cm in diameter. A rod 20 to 30 cm long projected from the rear of the cockpit. When the planes took off this rod was longer than when the aircraft was parked.
3. Two radio trucks with an antenna were standing at the eastern border of the field. Four trucks and twelve tank trucks with numbers of the C 5-7x-xx series were near the aircraft. There was heavy flying. About 10:30 a.m. five large twin-engine planes passed over the field, heading north. At the same time eight jet planes took off from the field. From the noise heard it was deduced that other jet planes took off about 10 minutes later. A truck going to the field had the number B 7-32-65. There was activity in the quarters north of the field. Several guards were on duty around the field. (1) About 10 air force officers were seen in Brandis.

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Comments.

- (1) The guards were apparently only posted while flying was in progress at the field. At other times, sentries were posted at the main gate and at the alert flight.
- (2) Motor vehicle number G 4-61-14 is assigned to a GHQ unit of the Eighth Gds Mecz Army, the other two to air force units in Brandis. The field is believed to be occupied by a fighter regiment which has partly been re-equipped with jet aircraft. The two other regiments of the division are believed to be stationed in Grossenhain. The planes on the southern border of the field probably were an alert flight while the other planes were kept in the hangars. They are only taken out of the hangar for flying.
- 25X1A (3) The same marking was previously reported but with blue numbers. See (Air) However, red figures were also reported. The blue stripe is possibly the marking of the regiment and the individual squadrons are indicated by figures in different colors.
- (4) Possibly deflectors against vortical ruptures (Wirbelabriss). However, such deflectors must project somewhat beyond the edges of the elevator assembly. For rear view of tail unit of jet plane see Annex.

1 Annex: Rear View of Tail Unit of Jet Plane Seen at Brandis Airfield.~~SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY~~**CONFIDENTIAL**